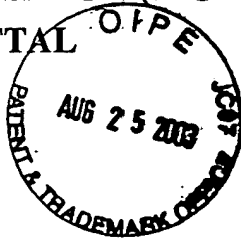


**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995



Application Number	09/883,131
Confirmation Number	8204
Filing Date	June 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	John Russell WATTS
Group Art Unit	3677
Examiner Name	C Lugo
Matter Number	Q71763
Title	PADLOCKS

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, including the RCE statutory fee of \$375, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Date August 25, 2003



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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
GROUP 3677
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

John Russell WATTS

Appln. No.: 09/883,131

Confirmation No.: 8204

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: PADLOCKS

Docket No: Q71763

Group Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: C Lugo

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of June 6, 2003, please find a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith concurrent to this Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c), in which amendment and entry to the enumerated claims in the above-identified application is requested as follows on the accompanying pages.